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EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR.

for the Year -

1958.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Whole of the Council.

CHAIRMAN.

Councillor W. N. Gill.

VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor J. W. Verity.

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health.

H. GRAY. M.D. Ch.B. D.P.H.

Senior Public Health Inspector and Surveyor (Wholetime).

J. E. BLAKEWAY, C.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I.

Certificates held:

- Royal Society of Health.
- (a) Public Health Inspector.
- (b) Inspector of Meat and other foods.

Additional Public Health Inspector & Deputy Surveyor (Wholetime).

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- (c) National Certificate in Building.

Clerical Staff:

Miss M. E. Curry (General Clerk).

EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the district.

From the vital statistics in the following figures it will be seen that the year was marked for its relative high birth rate compared with many years previously.

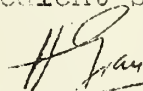
Measles notifications were again considerable, but the year saw a sizeable outbreak of Sonne Dysentery, centred around Claypenny Hospital, with its inevitable spread here and there into the surrounding community. The disease proved difficult to eradicate in the condition of overcrowding at the hospital. The case of Poliomyelitis was in an unvaccinated child. The response to poliomyelitis vaccination in children was very good, but after vaccine became available for under 25's the demand was small in this age group.

In those places such as local factories, and at Welfare clinics which young mothers attend, a good proportion accepted vaccination. The poor general response was I feel not due to reluctance, but to the difficulties in providing " on the spot " facilities by ourselves and the General Practitioners.

During the year a start was made in the provision of sewage services at Husthwaite. This is particularly gratifying since the Council will be bearing the whole cost themselves. In previous schemes both the Government and the County Council have given financial assistance. One hopes that grant facilities will be forthcoming in future as the Council have much work to do in this field before it can be said that the district is adequately sewered. Even should the Council aim at starting one scheme as the previous one becomes completed it will be many years before all out tentative schemes reach fruition. Nevertheless we should aim at least at this target for the future.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT.

of the Medical Officer of Health,
for the year - 1958.

General Statistics.

Area of the District.....74,363. acres.
Registrar General's estimate
of population mid-- 1958.....11,880.
Number of Dwellinghouses..... 3,310.
Rateable Value to 1st April, 1958..... £105,268.
Sum represented by a penny rate..... £426. 16. 6.

<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>1957.</u>	<u>1958.</u>
Total (Live and Stillbirths).....	170.	206.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	
Legitimate:	101.	99.	
Illegitimate:	<u>1.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>Total:</u>
	102.	100.	202.

Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 population).....	14.7	17.0
Standardised Birth Rate...;.....	16.2	18.7

<u>Stillbirths.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	3.	1.
Illegitimate.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3.</u>	<u>1.</u>

Stillbirth Rate (per 1,000 live and Stillbirths).....	17.6	19.4
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<u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>1957.</u>	<u>1958.</u>
Male.....	59.	65
Female.....	44.	48.
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	103.	113.
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Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 Population)	8.9	9.5
Standardised Death Rate ...	9.2.	9.3
Death of Infants under 1 yr. of age	6	4
Rate per 1,000 live births.	35.6	19.8

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	2.	2.
Illegitimate.	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	2.	2.
	<hr/>	<hr/>

Death of Infants under 4 weeks of age.

Legitimate.	1.	1.
Illegitimate.	-	-
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	1.	1.
	<hr/>	<hr/>

<u>Number of Deaths from:-</u>	<u>1957.</u>	<u>1958.</u>
Measles.....	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.....	0.	0.
Cancer.....	17.	17.
Pneumonia.....	4.	6.
Poliomyelitis.....	0.	0.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	0.	0.
Other forms of Tuberculosis.....	1.	0.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

This rural area was little affected by the slight economic reverses of the year, unemployment was no problem and the area as a whole enjoyed a prosperous year. In the educational field a new school was under construction and completed at Linton-on-Ouse thus relieving the overcrowding previously existing at Newton-upon-Ouse C of E. School.

It would be appropriate under this heading to make a plea for the provision of a Swimming Bath within the district. The nearest facilities for swimming involve a journey of such length that no school children in the area are taught to swim unless parents are able to take them. The other alternative is to allow children to use our polluted rivers or other dangerous places.

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

14 Private and 4 Council houses were completed during the year. Credit restrictions have curtailed council building except to replace slum properties and it would seem that the difficulty in securing sites has caused private enterprise to fail to satisfy the demand. The use of sites within the villages made available by the demolition of individual unfit houses is in my opinion preferable to the extension of housebuilding on the periphery, and will prove economical in providing services, as well as preserving the village in its most attractive form.

Again, the policy of the Council in implementing the provision of the Improvement Grants has resulted in considerable improvements in housing amenities in the district.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Supplies of water are adequate for the area, and after chlorination of our own sources are satisfactory in quality. I would once again raise the question of fluoridation of water supplies and hope that in the near future the Ministry will give its official blessing to the introduction of a sufficient quantity of this naturally occurring mineral into our water. The almost complete absence of fluoride in our local water contributes to a considerable extent to the large amount of dental decay in our childrens' teeth.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers.

Details of Officers are listed at the beginning of the Report.

Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological examinations of milk, water and ice cream are carried out for the Council by the County Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton. Chemical Analysis of water is carried out by Messrs. Fairley and Partner of Leeds.

Ambulance.

The North Riding County Council administer the ambulance and other health services in the area.

The ambulance stations serving the area are situated at Haxby and Thirsk. Telephone Nos. York 68181, Thirsk 2234, (day). In case of difficulty telephone, Easingwold 324 (day). After 10 p.m. in the areas served by the Thirsk station it is necessary to ring Northallerton 446 or of course 999.

Except in cases of emergency, requests for ambulance will only be accepted from Medical Practitioners, Matrons and Almoners of Hospitals, Nurses at Clinics (acting for Medical Officer of Health) or duly authorised officers of the County Council Health Department.

District Nurses.

District Nurses who are responsible in their respective areas for Midwifery, Home Nursing and Health Visiting cover the following areas:-

Easingwold and Raskelf.

Nurse Dawson, 14, East Avenue, Easingwold. Tel. E/wold 483.

Stillington, Farlington, Marton, Brandsby, Crayke, Sutton-on-Forest, Huby, Yearsley and Whenby.

Nurse Burnett, Huby. Tel. Stillington 242.

Alne, Tollerton, Youlton, Flawith, Aldwark, Benningbrough, Linton and Newton-upon-Ouse.

Nurse Horner, Aldwark. Tel. Tollerton 201.

District Nurses (continued).

Coxwold, Oulston, Thornton Hill, Husthwaite, Carlton Husthwaite, Angram Grange, Thormanby, Newburgh, Wildon Grange and Oldstead.

Nurse Batty, Coxwold. Tel. Coxwold 223.

Helperby, Myton-on-Swale, Tholthorpe and Brafferton.

Nurse Savage, Myton-on-Swale. Tel. Helperby 287.

Domestic Help Service.

In accordance with Section 29 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, a scheme for the provision of Domestic Help operates in the area. Assistance up to a maximum of 44 hours in any one week can be provided, where requested in all cases of illness, although priority is given to call cases of domiciliary confinement. Applicants for assistance are invited to either pay the standard charge of 3/- per hour or apply to be assessed according to their financial circumstances. In the majority of cases assistance is provided entirely free or at a very nominal sum. During the year confinement cases were helped, also domestic assistance was given due to sickness of the housewife and aged persons. The latter category require the largest amount of domestic help in terms of hours since usually the assistance is permanently supplied. This enables aged persons, particularly those who live alone, to maintain their own home as long as possible, thus delaying the evil day when institution care becomes necessary.

Any queries regarding this service can be answered at the Area Health Office, Manor Road, Easingwold - Telephone 324.

Infant Welfare Centres.

Infant Welfare Centres are open throughout the district at the places and times set out below:-

The Parish Hall, Newton-on-Ouse.

1st Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m.

The Institute, Coxwold,

2nd Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m.

The Clinic, Easingwold Grammar and Modern School.

Every 2nd Thursday, 2 p.m.

(M) Royal Air Force Station, Linton-on-Ouse.

2 p.m. and 10 a.m. alternately each fortnight.

The Village Hall, Helperby.

1st Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m.

The Boys' Hall, Stillington.

1st Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m.

(M) Mobile Clinic.

Infant Welfare Centres (continued)

War Memorial Institute, Tollerton.

3rd Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m.

CARE OF THE AGED: WELFARE: PREVENTION OF ILLNESS: CARE & AFTERCARE.

Your Medical Officer of Health, in his capacity as Assistant County Medical Officer, is responsible for the day to day administration of these and previously mentioned branches of Public Health. Co-operation with the Area Welfare Officer, Mr. Barnes, is a close one and frequent contact is made with Officers of the Children's Dept., General Practitioners, Mental Health Social Workers, Hospital Almoners, N.S.P.C.C., etc.

The Area Health Committee to which many of the functions of the County Health Committee are delegated, has members representing the District Council.

VOLUNTARY CARE COMMITTEE.

This Committee, which meets quarterly in Easingwold, provides from funds allotted by the County Council, assistance to persons suffering from Tuberculosis. A free pint of milk is issued daily to all tubercular patients on the recommendation of the Chest Physician, but the work of the Care Committee is designed to assist further such cases towards recovery.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

			1957.		1958.		
			M.	F.	M.	F.	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	...	...	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other forms.	...	...	1	-	-	-	
3. Syphilitic diseases.	...	...	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	...	...	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	...	...	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections.	...	...	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	...	...	-	-	-	-
8. Measles.	...	...	-	1	-	-	
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases.	...	...	-	-	1	-	
10. Malignant neoplasms, stomach.	...	...	3	1	1	1	
11. Lung, broncus.	...	...	1	1	1	-	
12. Breast.	...	...	-	2	-	-	
13. Uterus.	...	...	-	1	-	1	
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	...	...	4	5	6	7	
15. Leukæmia, aleukæmia.	...	...	1	1	-	-	
16. Diabetes.	...	...	-	3	-	-	
17. Vascular Lesions of the nervous system.	...	...	7	5	9	6	
18. Coronary disease, angina.	...	...	15	7	13	8	
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	...	...	2	1	1	2	
20. Other heart diseases.	...	...	4	6	11	7	
21. Other circulatory diseases.	...	...	1	-	2	2	
22. Influenza.	...	...	2	-	-	-	
23. Pneumonia.	...	...	2	2	5	1	
24. Bronchitis.	...	...	1	1	3	2	
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system.	...	...	-	-	2	-	
26. Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum.	...	...	1	-	1	1	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	...	...	-	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis.	...	...	-	1	-	1	
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	...	...	1	-	1	-	
30. Pregnancy, child birth and abortion.	...	...	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malforms.	...	...	-	2	-	1	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	...	...	9	7	6	6	
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents.	...	...	1	-	1	-	
34. All other accidents.	...	...	2	-	1	2	
35. Suicide.	...	...	1	-	-	-	
36. Homicide and operations of war.	...	...	-	-	-	-
<u>Total:</u>			<u>59.</u>	<u>44.</u>	<u>65.</u>	<u>48.</u>	

TABLE "A".

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR - 1958.

Analysis of Ages.

Disease.	Under 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 10	10. 15	15. 20	20 35	35 45	45 65	65 & over.	Total cases notified.
Measles.	1	8	12	16	9	44	14	3	-	-	-	-	107.
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	1	1	2	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	20.
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	4.
Dysentery.	-	1	2	1	1	17	18	18	34	26	9	1	128.
Polio-myelitis.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.
Whooping Cough.	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1.
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Meningitis.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Opthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total:</u>	2	9	16	18	12	77	36	21	37	28	9	1	266.
Pulmonary M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.
Tuberculosis F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1.
<u>Total:</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2.
Non-pulmny. M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis.F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total:</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Grand Total:</u>	2	9	16	18	12	77	37	21	37	28	9	2	268.

TABLE " B ".

Easingwold Rural District Council.

TUBERCULOSIS during

the Year, 1958.

Age periods.	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total:</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector
& Surveyor - for the Year 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Easingwold Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Sanitary Circumstances of the District for the year 1958. Further progress has been made during the year on works of sewerage, water supply and refuse collection. Though no major works of sewerage have been completed, a scheme for the village of Huthwaite is well advanced and should be in use by early, 1959. Efforts are being made to secure a wholesome supply of water to the village of Brandsby. This is proving difficult owing to the houses being spread about the parish and to the circumstances under which the houses have been supplied from the old private scheme. All householders on the private supply have been warned to boil the water before using it for drinking and culinary purposes.

The steady progress made in the provision of Water Closets to replace Earth Closets continues.

Water Supply - Public Mains.

The water supply has been satisfactory. All the water supplied through the Council's mains is chlorinated.

121 samples of water were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination. 45 were of chlorinated water from the public mains and 35 of the raw water before chlorination. The Analyst reported all except 4 of the chlorinated samples as satisfactory, 27 of the raw water samples as unsatisfactory.

The water supplied is not liable to plumbosolvent action. Approximately 98% of the houses in the area are supplied from the Council's mains including about 70 by standpipe.

Housing.

Number of houses erected and completed during the year:-

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. By Local Authority | 4. |
| 2. By other bodies or persons. | 14. |

18.

The 4 houses erected and completed by the Local Authority in 1958 were distributed as follows:- Alne - 2., Raskelf - 2.

At the end of 1958 the following 15 houses were in course of erection:- Alne - 1 (private), Crayke - 1 (private), Easingwold - 8 (2 private), Helperby - 4 (R.D.C.) and Tollerton - 1 (private).

10 houses have been discontinued as dwellings, as a result of action taken under the Housing Acts. The need for new houses remains at approximately 200.

Public Cleansing.

Owing to complaints made by householders in the more outlying parts of the district, the regular weekly collection of refuse from the Easingwold Town Area (roughly 20% of the population) has had to be suspended. This has resulted in increasing slightly the number of collections in the villages at the expense of Easingwold Town. Trade bins, Hospitals, Schools and Linton-on-Ouse R.A.F. Station continue to be collected at weekly intervals. This rearrangement has caused some inconvenience in Easingwold, but has practically eliminated complaints from the villages. On the whole the arrangement is more satisfactory.

The two vehicles which were hired in 1951 and which were new when received have now become the property of the Council. Both are in fair condition but are frequently requiring attention. One new modern type vehicle has been purchased outright and being of larger capacity is more suited to the needs of the more distant villages which are a long way from the tip.

An attempt to secure a more convenient tip in the Eastern half of the district has not been a success.

The lack of a well equipped vehicle shed and a suitable central depot for the accommodation of all the vehicles and equipment for refuse collection and disposal, sewerage maintenance and cesspool emptying, is not conducive to satisfactory service. Ample space giving room for extension should be aimed at in considering a site.

Sewers and Sewage Disposal.

A scheme of Sewerage and Sewage Disposal for Husthwaite was put forward and agreed to and is nearing completion.

Easingwold Station area and a number of the larger villages are very badly in need of schemes. Schemes for Crayke, Huby and Sutton-on-Forest are receiving close consideration.

MEAT INSPECTION.

All meat and food inspection is carried out by your Public Health Inspectors. There are six private slaughterhouses licensed in the District, these being used by 12 butchers. The appended table gives details of the animals slaughtered and inspected there during the year; 883 visits being made by the Inspectors for this purpose.

During 1958 there was a further increase in the numbers of sheep and pigs slaughtered for food.

There were no whole carcasses condemned because of Tuberculosis, but there was an increase in the number of animals slightly affected resulting in condemnation of organs or parts.

A feature of this year particularly during autumn and early winter was the amount of liver fluke present, no doubt due to the wet summer. The presence of so many flukes among sheep and lambs indicate that there will be many breeding ewes affected and this may have a bad effect on the lambing, as the ewes rapidly lose condition and become emaciated.

The difficulties of inspection owing to the scattered positions of the slaughterhouses and times of slaughter have not lessened during the year, many of the carcasses being inspected after slaughter, even the day after.

Under the Slaughterhouse Act, 1958., most of the existing premises will require re-construction, but the date by which this will have to be done has not yet been fixed by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

One outstanding statutory notice regarding a slaughterhouse was complied with and four informal notices were served and complied with.

2 tons. 11 cwts. 1 qr. 1 st. 2 lbs. of meat and offals were found to be diseased or unsound and were condemned and sent for processing. Much of this material derived from the 121 animals slaughtered in emergency.

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Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

Animal.	Cattle ex. Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	1124.	4.	85.	3145.	1376.	-
Number inspected.	1124.	4.	85.	3145.	1376.	-
<u>All diseases except T.B. & Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	2.	-	4.	23.	7.	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	85.	-	1.	65.	32.	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. or Cysticerci.	7.74%.	-	5.88%.	2.8%.	2.83%.	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcasses condemned.						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	35.	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	3.11%.	-	-	-	0.07%.	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>						
Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised & totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Food and Drugs Act, 1955 etc.

- (i) There are 112 food premises in the district, comprising 11 butchers' shops, 43 grocers' and greengrocers, 11 catering premises, 49 licensed premises and 6 fried fish shops. All premises have mains water available.
- (ii) Six butchers' premises are registered for sausage making etc., Seven dairies are registered for sale of bottled milk, all of which is designated.
- iii) Forty-five visits of inspection were made to Ice Cream premises 18 to dairies and 180 to other food preparing premises, during the year. Some work of improvement has been made to a few licensed public houses and the Brewery representatives have been pressed to proceed with plans for alterations to those premises in need of modernisation. Plans have been received and approved for alterations to some premises and the work is expected to be commenced early in 1959.
- (iv) Education courses in hygienic methods cannot be run effectively in scattered rural areas such as this, apart from there being insufficient staff to do so. Such education must be limited to personal instruction during routine visits and distribution of posters etc.
- (v) All condemned meat and offals are disposed of by digestion in a modern privately owned plant. Other foods of which normally only small quantities are condemned, are disposed of by burying in the Council's tip.
- (vi) There have been no special inspections of large consignments or stocks of food during the year.
- vii) No premises are registered for the manufacture of Ice Cream in this district; there are 37 premises retailing pre-packed Ice Cream.
- iii) Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 - 1956.

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Food Hygiene Regulations.

Further progress was made in bringing premises into line with the requirements of the Regulations. It is however difficult to carry out a programme of modernisation of food premises with the existing staff of only two public health inspectors together with their responsibilities for so many other branches of public health work, all of which are tending to increase.

One statutory notice outstanding at the commencement of the period was complied with. One informal notice regarding provision of hot water supply, sink etc., at a shop, remained uncomplied with, the shopkeeper being in the process of purchasing more suitable premises.

298 lbs. foods were inspected at the request of canteen and shop managers, the food being condemned and disposed of by burial in the Council's tip.

Milk.

10 " Pasteurised " licences and 7 " Tuberculin Tested " licences were issued to dairymen to retail such milk in the district. There are no milk pasteurisation plants in the district and no milk samples were taken during the year. 37 visits were made to retailers.premises.

Bakehouses.

20 visits have been paid to bakehouses. Number in district 5. There are no underground Bakehouses in the district.

Rat and Mice Destruction.

The gradual slowing down and cessation of the Agricultural Executive Committee's Rat destruction section of their Pest Control Department, which took effect over the year commencing 1st April, 1958, made necessary some rearrangements in the District Council's scheme of Rodent Control as applied to farms and several of the larger farms previously disinfested on yearly contracts by the Agricultural Executives Department. Though the Rodent Operator was hard pressed to keep the infestations down to a reasonable degree during the latter part of the year it is hoped that, with the co-operation of the agriculturists and others, conditions which have improved during the last few years will continue to do so.

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

The number of moveable dwellings in the district remains at 12. There are no holiday camp sites and no camps for seasonal workers for the harvesting of crops.

Factories and Workshops.

23 inspections were made during the year.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

(a) The Number and nature of inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year.

(i) Nature of Inspections.

Housing, Nuisances under the Public Health Act, Meat, Dairies, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Disinfestation. New Buildings, new and existing drainage, petroleum storage and Rat Proofing of buildings.

(ii) Number of Inspections and Visits.....1,954..

(b) The Number of Notices served.

- (i) Statutory.....2.
(ii) Informal.....89.

(c) The Result of the notices served.

- (i) Statutory complied with.....2.
(ii) Informal " "74.

Sanitary Administration.

Rat Infestation Inspections.....	64.
Premises on which poison bait laid.....	200.
New Houses drained to sewers.....	13.
" " " " cesspools and septic tanks....	5.
" " provided with water closets.....	18.
Earth Closets and Privies replaced with W.Cs.....	62.
New houses provided with Earth Closets.....	0.
Existing premises provided with W.Cs. and drained to sewers.....	42.
Existing premises provided with W.Cs. and drained to cesspools and other places.....	22.
Additional W.Cs. provided to existing premises.....	12.
Existing houses re-drained.....	65.
Slaughterhouse Visits.....	1,023.
Dairies Inspections.....	31.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the Officers of the Council who have always willingly rendered to me assistance in the discharge of my duties.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. E. Blakeway
Senior Public Health Inspector
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